

In response to the rejections of claims 37-42, the Examiner's attention is directed to Figure 6, which shows a clamp that is integral with, and angularly extends from a body, with the clamp having a clamping structure that is integral with, and angularly extends from, the clamp. Additionally, the clamping structure is dimensioned to snap-fit with an electrode. As best understood, a trough-shaped clamp and its clamping structure are not shown in or obvious from Teagno et al.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and an early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

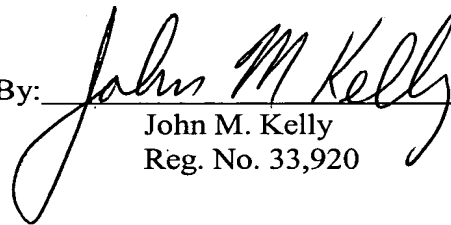
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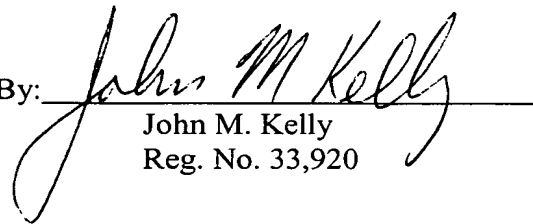
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